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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This Amendment and Request for Continued Examination is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in response to the Final Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 7, 2005 and subsequent Advisory Action mailed on May 9, 2005. It is believed that this Amendment is timely filed on or before June 7, 2005 with a two (2) month extension of time. Notwithstanding, should this Paper not be considered timely filed, Applicant hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

Please amend the application as follows: